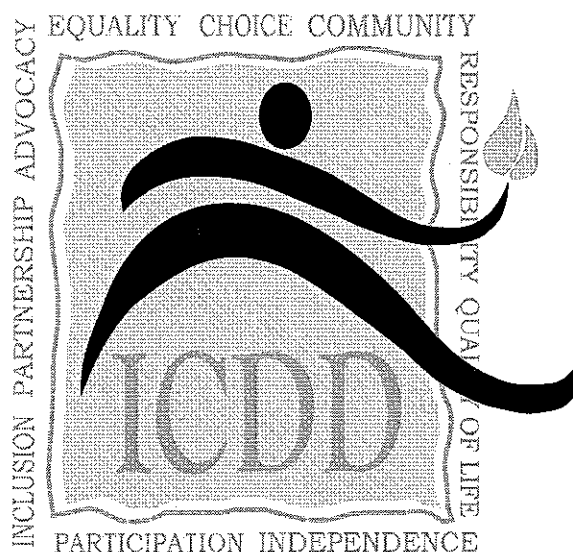

2006 Program Performance Report



**IDAHO COUNCIL ON
DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES**

October 1, 2005 – September 30, 2006

It is my pleasure to share with you the Annual Program Performance Report for the Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities. This report provides a listing of all the activities that the Council has worked on in Federal Fiscal Year 2006. Although the numbers are important and the variety and scope of these activities is impressive, what this report does not and cannot adequately demonstrate is the effect that the Council's work has had on the day to day lives of Idahoans with developmental disabilities and their families. As an agent for HOPE and CHANGE, the Council works with partners across the state to create opportunities for people with developmental disabilities to live lives of independence, involvement and meaning. By working to improve services, open doors, and build community acceptance, the Council is helping people with disabilities gain their own voice and families successfully advocate for their child.

We welcome your comments, partnership and support, and look forward to continuing to make a difference in the lives of Idahoans with developmental disabilities and their families and communities.

Sincerely,

Rick Betzer

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Council Chairman

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Community Supports: Communities support people with developmental disabilities to enjoy integrated life experiences

**Community Partnerships Conference/Direct Support
Professional training (06.CS.03)**

Project Objective

Promote and support Community Partnership Inc. Conference

Project Highlights

The Council provided \$4,999 (\$2328.50 in this budget year) in support of the 2005 Community Partnerships Conference, "Opening Doors", held in Boise on October 27-29, 2005. These funds provided scholarships for 33 direct support staff and helped cover presenter costs for Richard Pimentel and Kathy Goldenburger. An additional \$1,700 in stipends was provided by other organizations. 666 individuals attend the conference, including 19 self-advocates and 23 parents. Eighteen organizations co-sponsored the conference.

Performance Measures

People facilitated formal/informal community supports	36
People attended training and/or conferences supported or sponsored by the Council	666

Conference Funds (06.CC.05)

Project Objective

Provide funds for people with developmental disabilities/family members to attend conferences and trainings with preference for those emphasizing cross disability/cross-cultural issues.

Project Highlights

\$1,421 was provided to assist 4 parents and 1 agency provider to attend 4 different conferences; this amount was matched by their contributions of \$3,583.

Performance Measures

No Performance Measures to report for this period.

Determined to Vote 2006 (06.CS.02)

Project Objective

Increase the number of Idahoans with disabilities who participate in the electoral process.

Project Highlights

The Office of The Idaho Secretary of State contracted with the Council to provide voter education statewide to seniors and people with disabilities. Six teams consisting of 2 people with disabilities and 1 support staff per team provided training statewide to 278 people preceding the Primary election. Forty people voted for the first time in the primary election as a result of the training.

Funding from the Secretary of State Office totaled \$10,794.62 and Co-Ad provided \$6,000 in cash matching funds.

Performance Measure

Dollars leveraged for formal/informal community supports	16,794
People facilitated formal/informal community supports	8
People trained in formal/informal community supports	278
People active in systems advocacy about formal/informal community supports	16
People trained in systems advocacy about formal/informal community supports	14

Disability Mentoring Day (DMD) (06.CS.01)

Project Objective

Continue support and expand sites for Disability Mentoring Day by promoting through advertisement, press releases and through Council members.

Project Highlights

On October 19th, 2005, 27 young adults from 10 schools or programs in the Idaho Falls area spent the day at a job site of their choice as part of Disability Mentoring Day. One person went to 2 sites and another went to 3. Twenty-nine organizations or companies served as mentors. The Council provided \$670 in funds which were matched with \$150 from a local civic club and \$6,700 in in-kind donations. The Idaho Falls Community Transition Team of 19 individuals organized the event. Two television stations provided coverage and the Mayor signed a proclamation.

Performance Measures

Individuals receive formal/informal community supports	27
Dollars leveraged for formal/informal community supports	6,850
People facilitated formal/informal community supports	48

Emergency & Disaster Preparedness (06.CS.05)

Project Objective

Develop an emergency planning guide to be used by statewide emergency planners to include people with disabilities and who are elderly.

Project Highlights

Planning meetings were held by the Bureau of Homeland Security to provide input about people with disabilities and those who are elderly.

The information was to be incorporated into a state disaster planning guide. Four meetings were held with collaborators, one prior to a national conference and three following the conference. The state planner and one Council staff attended a national meeting in Washington DC. At the national meeting practically all 50 states worked collaboratively in developing state plans for emergencies while hearing from federal, organizational and academic leaders about planning for these populations.

Following the conference two additional meetings have continued the effort to develop the national plan. Information was incorporated into an appendix to the revised Idaho Emergency Operations Planning Guide.

Performance Measures

Programs/policies created/improved formal/informal community supports	1
People facilitated formal/informal community supports	10
People trained in formal/informal community supports	2
People active in systems advocacy about formal/informal community supports	2

Family Support Policy Council (06.CS.04)

Project Objective

Participate and support efforts of state level Family Support Council by increasing educational efforts about family supports.

Project Highlights

Council staff participated in one in-person Council meeting and 2 teleconference meetings. Staff also supported Family Support 360 staff to prepare information on family support in Idaho for policymakers, meet with legislators and provide testimony at germane committee meetings during 2006 session.

Performance Measures

People facilitated formal/informal community supports	3
People active in systems advocacy about formal/informal community supports	25

Cross Cutting: The Council engages in activities that impact all life areas

Consortium of Idahoans with Disabilities (CID) (06.CC.03)

Project Objective

Maintain active participation in Consortium of Idahoans with Disabilities (CID).

Project Highlights

Council staff attends monthly CID meetings and annual strategy meeting; this year, Council also coordinated Legislative Breakfast at Capitol with 25 participating organizations and 150 visitors; Council also developed and distributed survey to all legislative candidates (177) on 15 different disability issues; 43 surveys were returned.

Performance Measures

Public policymakers educated by Council about issues related to Council Initiatives.	150
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Council Newsletter (06.CC.01)

Project Objective

Publish a Council newsletter 3 times annually.

Project Highlights

4,600 copies of the Council's newsletter, *Visions and Values*, were mailed. A new edition of the Legislative Edition of the Visions and Values was not printed since this was the second session of the legislature. An insert with updated information was printed for the existing Legislative edition. Approximately 300 copies were distributed on request.

Performance Measures

Copies of products distributed to policymakers about issues related to Council.	9,500
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Council Publications in Spanish (06.CC.04)

Project Objectives

Translate into Spanish a specified percentage of Council publications.

Project Highlights

The People First Language Brochure was translated into Spanish and printed. Translation of the Council brochure is complete and printing is in process. A contract for translation services is in place.

Performance Measures

No Performance Measures to report for this period.

Maintain Accessible Council Website (06.CC.02)

Project Objective

Maintain accessible Council website with links to key activities and issues.

Project Highlights

The Council contracted for a redesigned website with a new logo and new features; after going live, the site had 16,400 visits in five months.

Performance Measures

Members of the general public estimated to have been reached by Council public education, awareness and media initiatives.	16,440
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Education: Students with developmental disabilities experience inclusive school environments and practices

Idaho Achievement Standards (06.ED.04)**Project Objective**

Monitor Idaho Achievement Standards and graduation requirements for students with disabilities.

Project Highlights

Council staff sent letters to the State Board of Education and provided testimony on proposed changes to curriculum and graduation requirements in front of both the House and Senate Education Committees.

Performance Measures

Education programs/policies created/improved	1
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Idaho Autism Education Conference (06.ED.01)**Project Objective**

Support parent training opportunities.

Project Highlights

Council funds supported 7 teachers and 16 parents to attend the Idaho Autism Education Conference. Presenters provided information and training to 215+ parents and 280+ professionals through video conferencing to five sites in Idaho.

Performance Measures

People attended training and/or conferences supported or sponsored by the Council	495
People trained in systems advocacy about housing	6

Idaho Interagency Council on Secondary Transition (06.ED.10)**Project Objective**

Staff/Council participation on the Idaho Interagency Council on Secondary Transition

Project Highlights

Staff participated in 5 bi-monthly meetings and 2 subcommittee meetings during the year, discussed current and potential transition programs and youth leadership development activities, and planned for Tools for Life conference.

Performance Measures

People involved in sys. advocacy about inclusive ed.	24
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Idaho Parents Unlimited (IPUL) Parent Leadership Training (06.ED.02)**Project Objective**

Support parent training opportunities.

Project Highlights

Council funds supported 13 parents to attend the Idaho Parents Unlimited two-day parent leadership training retreats, receiving information on educational and other services systems, laws and policies, and effective advocacy.

Performance Measures

Dollars leveraged for education	17,873
Parents trained regarding their child's educational rights	13

Idaho Standards Achievement Test sensitivity review (06.ED.05)**Project Objective**

Monitor Idaho Achievement Standards and graduation requirements for children with disabilities.

Project Highlights

Council staff, in collaboration with other organizations reflecting diverse populations, participated in the Idaho State Achievement Test to review all grade level assessment for accessibility to students with disabilities.

Performance Measures

Education programs/policies created/improved	1
People involved in systems advocacy about inclusive education	19

Idaho Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) (06.ED.07)**Project Objective**

Support Idaho Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) training program with funding and staff participation on YLF planning committee.

Project Highlights

Council staff helped plan and implement a Youth Leadership Development Forum as a pre-conference meeting with the Tools for Life Conference. 24 people, including YLF graduates, Idaho SALN members, family members and others, participated in this forum to discuss development of Youth Leadership activities in Idaho.

Performance Measures

People involved in systems advocacy about inclusive education	24
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**Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and other Laws
(06.ED.06)**

Project Objective

Provide information about IDEA reauthorization, NCLB and other national and state laws that effect students with disabilities to parents and policymakers.

Project Highlights

Information about 2006 IDEA regulations was disseminated to parents and others through the Parent League, Council newsletter and website and at meetings.

Performance Measures

People facilitated inclusive education	1
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Parent League (06.ED.03)

Project Objectives

Continue development of Parent League by disseminating information.

Project Highlights

Council staff regularly sends information on education policies and children and family issues to the 52 contacts on the Parent League email list, many of whom distribute this to other organizations and websites. IFAD and ASA TVC have distribution lists in excess of 25 people each, the Connecting Families website through the Family Support 360 project has hundreds of hits each year from families of children with disabilities around Idaho.

Performance Measures

People attended training and/or conferences supported or sponsored by the Council	102
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Regional Youth Leadership (06.ED.08)

Project Objectives

Collaborate in the development of regional youth leadership training.

Project Highlights

Council staff met with staff from the State Dept. of Education, local transition program staff and members of the IIC on Secondary Transition to make plans for regional youth leadership training activities.

Performance Measures

Education programs/policies created/improved	1
People involved in systems advocacy about inclusive education	5

Tools for Life Conference (06.ED.09)

Project Objective

Participate in Tools for Life Conference

Project Highlights

Council staff participated in planning for the 2 1/2 day Tools for Life: Secondary Transition and Technology Fair and provided assistance during the conference. 544 conference participants received information and training from presenters on assistive technology and transition related issues including post-secondary education, employment, adult health services, housing, leadership and others.

Performance Measures

Dollars leveraged for education	69,251
People facilitated inclusive education	24
People involved in systems advocacy about inclusive education	58
People attended training and/or conferences supported or sponsored by the Council	521

Employment: Idaho communities support people with developmental disabilities to enjoy integrated life experiences

APSE Chapter (06.EM.05)

Project Objective

Organize and Idaho APSE Chapter to represent the interests of providers that practice and promote supported employment.

Project Highlights

Seven people representing 5 employment agencies plus 1 Council staff formed a committee to organize an Idaho APSE Chapter. Formerly, the Association for Persons in Supported Employment, the national organization now refers to itself as APSE, the Employment Network. Currently there are 34 state chapters in the United States that support the efforts of the national organization to promote best practices for supported employment. One member of the organizing committee attended the APSE national convention in Boston in July. It is anticipated that the chapter will be chartered by April 2007.

Performance Measures

Employment programs/policies created/improved	1
People active in systems advocacy about employment	8

Cost Benefit Analysis of Sheltered Workshops (06.EM.01)

Project Objective

Contract for a cost benefit analysis of sheltered employment.

Project Highlights

A cost benefit study was postponed pending results of the legislative audit and follow up.

Performance Measures

People active in systems advocacy about employment	2
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Joint Legislative Oversight Committee (JLOC) (06.EM.02)

Project Objective

Analyze findings from JLOC review of state-funded employment programs.

Project Highlights

The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee recommended that rules be developed for oversight of the Extended Employment program (they were) and opted to wait until the program had operated under these rules before further review

Performance Measures

People active in systems advocacy about employment	2
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Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities (Medicaid Buy-In) (06.EM.03)

Project Objective

Continue to support and participate in collaborative efforts to acquire funding for Medicaid Buy-In.

Project Highlights

The Council worked with other stakeholders on rules for this program, which was approved by the 2006 Legislature. It will go into effect January 1, 2007 for 400-500 people expected to qualify. Qualified individuals with earned income between 250 and 500 % of the federal poverty level will be required to pay a small premium to maintain Medicaid eligibility. Individuals with earned income below 250% of the federal poverty level will not pay a premium.

Performance Measures

People facilitated employment	12
People active in systems advocacy about employment	7

Plans for Achieving Self Sufficiency (PASS) (06.EM.04)

Project Objective

Continue to promote Plans for Achieving Self Sufficiency (PASS) as a means for people with developmental disabilities to become employed and acquire personal transportation.

Project Highlights

The Council supported Co-Ad's successful application for the Work Incentive Planning and Assistance (WIPA) grant and will work in partnership with them to support activities performed as part of the grant, including PASS plans. When approved by the Social Security Administration, a PASS provides individuals with temporary financial support while pursuing training, education or business ventures that hopefully will end individual's dependence on Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI).

Performance Measures

People active in systems advocacy about employment	2
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Health: Medical and other health resources are available to individuals with developmental disabilities

Children's Special Health Program (CSHP) (06.HE.02)

Project Objective

Advocate for code/rule changes to CSHP and pursue ways to make Medicaid available to families whose children are eligible for CSHP.

Project Highlights

Legislation was introduced in the 2006 Legislature to address the gap created by cutbacks to the CSHP program. One bill would have required insurance companies to cover cleft lip and palate procedures but the bill was held in committee. Another bill would have required certain group disability insurance contracts to provide coverage for special medical formulas for the treatment of PKU and related disorders. That bill was defeated in committee. The Department of Insurance agreed to try to address these issues through rule making. The Council and other stakeholders participated in these meetings and draft language, including a definition of "congenital anomaly" was developed. Although the Department of Insurance had hoped to implement these as temporary rules, they were unable to do so. This issue will be taken up again after the 2007 session.

Performance Measures

People involved in systems advocacy on health care	15
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Medicaid Reform (06.HE.03)

Project Objective

Work collaboratively on Medicaid reform to best meet people's needs

Project Highlights

This activity was primarily met through monitoring of Medicaid reform. Council staff and other stakeholders participated in a series of "Focused Policy Discussions" in August and September, providing input into the various aspects of Medicaid reform. Among those discussions that the Council participated in were school-based

services, supported living/residential habilitation, self-direction, application process and “triggers” for benefit plan changes, caregiver supports (respite), co-payments, and moving waiver services into state plan. The Deficit Reduction Act, signed into law in February, is having an impact on several parts of Idaho’s reform platform.

Performance Measures

Health care programs/policies created/improved	11
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Scales of Independent Behavior- Revised (SIB-R) (06.HE.01)

Project Objective

Promote alternative assessment process to replace SIB-R.

Project Highlights

The Council requested and received information regarding a new assessment tool, the Supports Intensity Scale (SIS), and provided that information to Medicaid and others as a possible replacement for the SIB-R.

Performance Measures

People involved in systems advocacy on health care	6
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Housing: Communities contain an adequate number of accessible and affordable housing units to meet the needs of people with developmental disabilities

Home Of Your Own (HOYO) (06.HO.01)

Project Objective

Continue to support the work of HOYO to develop affordable housing for people with developmental disabilities.

Project Highlights

A second-year-grant totaling \$4,999 was awarded to Opening Doors, Inc. of Boise. The non-profit organization assists individuals with disabilities in rural areas to purchase their own homes. Opening Doors secures additional grants and funding to pay down costs of a home mortgage for qualified participants. The organization works collaboratively with Idaho Housing and Finance Association, Southwest Idaho Southwestern Idaho Cooperative Housing Authority (SICHA) and other housing programs. One home loan was successfully closed by fiscal year end with two additional loans in process

Performance Measures

Dollars leveraged for housing	14,483
Banks made mortgage funds available to enable people to own their own homes	1
People facilitated home ownership/rental	9
People active in systems advocacy about housing	9

Quality Assurance: Idaho's service system assures the right for people with developmental disabilities to live safe, healthy and self-determined lives in their communities

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) Conference Presentation (06.QA.06)

Project Objective

Provide information about the Idaho Self Directed Services Model to self-advocates, parents, providers, Health & Welfare staff, and policymakers at meetings, conferences, & other venues.

Project Highlights

Council Staff presented two sessions at the 2006 New Freedom Initiative Conference: Transforming Systems: Keys to Success. The sessions were titled "How to Meaningfully Involve Consumers and Other Stakeholders in Real Choice Systems Change. Co-presenter was Michelle Hoffman from the Long Term Care Authority of Tulsa. The sessions were two-part with approximately 125 people attending the first session and 75 attending the second session.

Performance Measures

People facilitated quality assurance	3
People active in systems advocacy about quality assurance	3
People trained in systems advocacy about quality assurance	200

Consumer Tool Kit- Guide to a Self Directed Life (06.QA.04)

Project Objective

Continue to collaborate in the development and use of consumer toolkit, and conducting quality assurance interviews.

Project Highlights

Council staff wrote, designed and formatted the Guide to a Self-Directed Life. This manual for individuals with developmental disabilities who choose to self-direct their services under the My Voice My Choice option was written in plain language for better access. Council staff held one focus group of 11 self-advocates to review the manual draft. Four Idaho SALN members provided input, reviewed and commented on drafts.

Performance Measures

People active in systems advocacy about quality assurance	23
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Create Statewide Self Advocacy Organization (06.QA.09)

Project Objective

Support elected SALN members to research and propose a plan to move SALN to a statewide organization.

Project Highlights

SALN Members, support staff, and Council staff met to continue work on organizations by-laws and share information on monthly teleconference calls.

Performance Measures

People active in systems advocacy about quality assurance	1
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Idaho Partners in Policymaking (06.QA.10)

Project Objective

Conduct a 2005 class of Idaho Partners in Policymaking through a contract with The Center on Disability & Human Development (UCED)

Project Highlights

The Council contracted with Center on Disability & Human Development to conduct the 2005 Class of Partners in Policymaking which concluded November, 2005 with 11 parent and 6 self advocate graduates.

Performance Measures

People benefiting from quality assurance efforts of the Council	17
Dollars leveraged for quality assurance programs	15,000
People facilitated quality assurance	7
People trained in leadership, self-advocacy, and self-determination	17
People attained membership on public and private bodies and other leadership Coalitions	7

Idaho Partners in Policymaking analysis and review (06.QA.11)

Project Objective

Conduct surveys and focus groups of Idaho Partner graduates in order to improve the program's ability to meet the educational needs of parents and adults with developmental disabilities statewide.

Project Highlights

The Council and Center on Disabilities and Human Development developed and distributed a survey for Idaho Partners in Policymaking graduates; 59 of 101 were returned. The results were discussed in 4 focus groups and data gathered will be used to make changes to improve Partners in Idaho.

Performance Measures

Dollars leveraged for quality assurance programs	1,500
People active in systems advocacy about quality assurance	1

Idaho Self Advocate Leadership Network (SALN) presentations (06.QA.03)

Project Objective

Provide self-advocacy and self-determination education statewide through The Idaho Self-Advocate Leadership Network.

Project Highlights

An SALN team is in place in each of the 7 Health & Welfare Regions. Each team is presenting approximately once a month to transition-age students (18-21) or to adults with developmental disabilities within their respective regions to people with disabilities. SALN members statewide provided 15 presentations to 165 self advocates, 1 parent, 30 transition-age students, 22 direct support staff, 10 teachers & 5 professionals; 2 members also presented a workshop at SABE conference to 26 people

Performance Measures

People benefiting from quality assurance efforts of the Council	253
Dollars leveraged for quality assurance programs	7,609
People trained in quality assurance	21
People active in systems advocacy about quality assurance	7

Independence Plus Grant (06.QA.01)

Project Objective

Collaborate with Division of Medicaid to monitor and implement Independence Plus grant activities.

Project Highlights

Council staff attended the Reinventing Quality Conference and served on the Quality Assurance and Communication Teams and Partnership meetings with Medicaid to oversee Independence Plus

grant. The Council entered into two memoranda of agreement with Medicaid for the council to continue to support the work of this grant.

Performance Measures

Dollars leveraged for quality assurance programs	45,118
Quality assurance programs/policies created/improved	1
People facilitated quality assurance	16
People active in systems advocacy about quality assurance	23

Leadership Development for New SALN members (06.QA.08)

Project Objective

Recruit and train individuals with developmental disabilities for leadership development to become members of the Idaho Self Advocate Leadership Network.

Project Highlights

Council staff recruited 8 self-advocates and conducted leadership development/self-advocacy training December 2005-June 2006, completing a team in each of seven regions of the state.

Performance Measures

People benefiting from quality assurance efforts of the Council	11
Dollars leveraged for quality assurance programs	24,969
People trained in quality assurance	11
People trained in systems advocacy about quality assurance	11
People trained in leadership, self-advocacy, and self-determination	11
People attained membership on public and private bodies and other leadership Coalitions	5

Self Advocates Becoming Empowered Conference Atlanta, Georgia 2006 (06.QA.12)

Project Objective

Provide matching funds for self advocates to attend SABE conference in Atlanta, GA.

Project Highlights

The Council supported 10 individuals to attend The National Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered Conference in Atlanta, Georgia May 25-28, 2006. Theresa Wilding, Council Member, was elected Treasurer for the Board of Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered and continues to serve as the Region 10 SABE Representative.

Performance Measures

People trained in quality assurance	10
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Self Determination Task Force (06.QA.02)

Project Objective

Provide ongoing information and input from the Self Determination Task Force during construction and implementation of self-directed services model.

Project Highlights

Self Determination Task Force members were updated throughout the year about progress on the self-directed services option through printed updates, email reports and articles in the Council Newsletter.

Performance Measures

People facilitated quality assurance	1
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Self Determination Video - Bus Tour (06.QA.07)

Project Objective

Provide information about the Idaho Self Directed Services Model to self-advocates, parents, providers, Health & Welfare staff, and policymakers at meetings, conferences, & other venues.

Project Highlights

Council contracted for the production of a 20 minute video on self-determination based on footage from the 2005 statewide bus tour. Staff from the Center on Disability and Human Development assisted with pre-production tasks.

Performance Measures

People facilitated quality assurance	4
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Self Directed Services Model - Information Meetings (06.QA.05)

Project Objective

Provide information about the Idaho Self Directed Services Model to self-advocates, parents, providers, Health & Welfare staff, and policymakers at meetings, conferences, & other venues.

Project Highlights

Council staff collaborated with Medicaid staff to host and present 6 regional informational meetings about the My Voice My Choice option. Approximately 51 people attended information meetings in 3 regions: Afternoon trainings for 20 Medicaid staff and evening meetings for the public by invitation and announcement.

Performance Measures

People facilitated quality assurance	8
People trained in quality assurance	51
People active in systems advocacy about quality assurance	6

Sexual Abuse Prevention Training (06.QA.13)

Project Objective

Support self-advocates received training in sexual abuse/assault prevention and intervention.

Project Highlights

Council Member Kim Kane and SALN Member Lia Haile presented information about types of abuse at the CPI conference. Council members received a presentation on violence and abuse toward individuals with disabilities.

Performance Measures

People trained in quality assurance	48
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Recreation: Individuals with developmental disabilities have opportunities to participate in inclusive recreational activities in their communities

Accessible Community Recreation Programs (06.RE.04)

Project Objective

Promote creation and expansion of accessible and inclusive community recreation programs.

Project Highlights

Council staff helped plan for the Saint Alphonsus Children's Classic Race, encouraging and facilitating the inclusion of children with disabilities in the race. No children using wheelchairs participated in this year.

Performance Measures

People facilitated recreation	10
People active in systems advocacy about recreation	1

Adventure Island Playground (06.RE.03)

Project Objective

Continue to support completion of Adventure Island Playground, Idaho's first universally accessible playground.

Project Highlights

Council staff continues to serve on the planning committee for Adventure Island Playground. The group is still raising funds in an effort to complete all construction in 2007.

Performance Measures

People active in recreational activities through Council efforts	2,200
People facilitated recreation	10

Adventure Island Treasure Valley Resource Fair (06.RE.02)

Project Objective

Support community efforts to increase recreational accessibility.

Project Highlights

Council was primary sponsor of Treasure Valley Resource Fair at Adventure Island playground, attended by 300+ families with 57 organizations providing information.

Performance Measures

Dollars leveraged for recreation programs	2,800
People facilitated recreation	10
People active in systems advocacy about recreation	57

Universally Accessible Playground (06.RE.01)

Project Objective

Continue support for another universally accessible playground.

Project Highlights

Council has obligated \$10,000 to Parent to Parent, Inc. of Idaho Falls for the construction of a universally accessible playground in that city. The group continues to raise additional funds for construction and equipment purchase.

Performance Measures

Recreation programs/policies created/improved	1
People facilitated recreation	12

Transportation: People with developmental disabilities have affordable and accessible transportation

Coordinated Local Transportation Efforts (06.TR.02)

Project Objectives

Develop rural based volunteer program (brokerage model) through RFP (changed mid-year to take advantage of new federal initiatives and opportunities)

Project Highlights

The Council released an RFP for funding to develop regional public transportation plans that include people with disabilities, both in the planning process and in the planned service delivery. No applications were received.

Performance Measures

People active in systems advocacy about transportation	1
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Interagency Work Group on Public Transportation/Transportation Summit (06.TR.01)

Project Objectives

Continue support for and collaboration with projects of the Interagency Work Group on Public Transportation.

Project Highlights

Ninety-six people from all parts of the state and representing several state agencies and private organizations attended a Statewide Transportation Forum in April. It was sponsored by the Interagency Work Group on Public Transportation which was chaired by the Council Director until July 2006. The forum provided information and a foundation for local and regional collaboration on public transportation plans that involve people with disabilities and others.

Performance Measures

People have transportation services that meet their needs	15
People active in systems advocacy about transportation	15
People attended training and/or conferences supported or sponsored by the Council	96
